

# WHEAT POLICY

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## The Gov't's Wheat Policy

Winipeg.—Mr Bennett's revolution that the Federal Government has been making use of the future market to prop up the price of Canadian wheat has caused a furor of comment—much of it strenuously antagonistic. In Eastern Canada, which, ever since Mr Bennett's assumption of office, has had its manufacturing industries grouped up by the highest tariff in the history of this country. That the Government's action in pegging wheat is open to question on various important counts can be readily and consistently admitted by those who regard the Government's whole fiscal policy as grounded and rooted in error which has cost Canada dearly since it went into effect, but even if Mr Bennett's measures, in the way which seemed most natural to him, he has endeavored to prevent wheat from slumping disastrously, comes with poor grace from Eastern interests when the Prime Minister has exhausted himself in leading with tariff privileges and favors. These people would not care if wheat dropped to five cents and rotted in the acres so long as foreign manufactures were excluded from the country; but the Prime Minister, however dimly, recognizes that wheat means to Canada's prosperity and business competence, and being the sort of politician he is, stopped in, when wheat got into trouble, with the remedy he understood best—a handout. Wheat was sagging through lack of a supporting market, and Mr Bennett arranged to give it a little artificial support, till times get better. He has been handing out artificial support ever since he began to govern and the need for it grows greater every month—so that inevitably with the system of one way economics he has imposed on the country.

Mr Bennett is in a position, in connection with the country's trade and social conditions, where he is entitled to ask those critics of his relief measures who are not his tariff policy, what they can do to him. And it is strictly up to those critics to tell him. He hopes his tariff policies would absorb the Canadian unemployed; but that has not happened. Mr Gordon, Minister of Immigration, has just announced that there are at present 80,000 persons on relief in Canada, and when provinces and municipalities demand greater relief assistance in unemployment relief, owing to their own straitened conditions, what can he then do to help them?

When Canadian wheat, in spite of the new tariff policy which was to force it on foreign buyers, continued to remain in ever increasing quantities in the elevators, and the price began to slide to distress levels, what again, was the Prime Minister to do? There was no healthy trade stimulation possible. That had been choked by tariffs in Canada, and tariff everywhere else. But Mr Bennett had joined in the world tariff war, and carried his country against greater odds than the thick of the fight. Foreigners who would not take our wheat were not to be allowed to peddle their manufactured goods in our market. Mr Bennett at Regina in 1930. We were left, consequently, with plenty of surplus wheat on our hands, and again Mr Bennett came to the rescue by putting the country's credit under the weakening market. Mr Bennett's hands, special grants, etc., but it was understood that in the West, it was foreseen in the West, as clearly as it was possible to foresee anything, what the effects of intense protection would be on the country's trade. With a regularity that has become both distressing and alarming, Mr Bennett has

## LOCAL GOINGS

While Dr John Giffen was at Rockyford, some one relieved his ear of the supply of anti-freeze. The factor thinks that the most one should instruct their children to leave things alone.

A bank manager in a small town in central Alberta sizes a crop on all sections of land before harvest. He bought twice and hired cutting and stooking, also hired wheat threshed and loaded to the elevator. He is now holding the grain in the elevator because at present prices he cannot meet the expenses he incurred. The question arises, how can the farmer get along when he has to pay for, besides the above, expensive seed, taxes, repairs, feed and incidental expenses and living and clothing for himself and his family from year to year.—Blainiere Enterprise

On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Calgary to Nightingale at 11 o'clock, Cathedral at 12 o'clock, and at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Pryor will sing "Hear My Prayer" at the Confirmation Service, to be held in the Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. Further particulars will be announced later. Keep this in mind.

Charlie Keeling thinks that he is a pretty lucky boy, but only if he had him beaten for a few days, but he is now unconquered and able to display of a complete list from soap to nuts.

At the T. A. meeting held at the school Monday last, Mr. Crother was voted President of the newly formed Alliance and Eyes of Hervey School is Secretary. Meetings will be held the Wednesday of each month at the school building, 5 o'clock. Teachers in the district are urged to be invited to attend.

For excellent work in Photography, see Stillings at Calgary. Mrs. T. H. H. is receiving the cordial greetings of many friends in her arrival home again after her recent illness.

Mr. Ray Melvin returned to home Sunday and his friends all hope to see him again and hear him again in a short time.

The big sale by A. Layzell for Mr. Rasmussen at Standard was postponed will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd.

The golf club drive will be held at the Municipal Hall on Friday, November 25th. Prizes and cash made.

Miss Alberta North, who is nurse in training in Calgary, has been a flu victim for a few days, but is making a nice recovery.

Stillings is Calgary's leading photographer. See Advt.

Miss Mary Folt and Mr. Cameron of the School teaching staff had a battle with Mr. Flu and were forced to surrender. Norman Ellis is doing substitute work at the school.

A meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday night to make arrangements to secure a speaker from Calgary, who would present the good points regarding going out of the Gold Standard. Mr. Angus Watson was voted the Chair.

Mr. Horner's snaker was a very beautiful and touching response to a signification of the names of the Cenotaph erected in front of the Strathmore Memorial Hall and he asks if these names with thousands of others are not a daily reminder to us of the cost of the inhumanity and treachery of war.

Anyone but the genial Heri would be very depressed but with his indomitable courage he will surely carry on, face the battle of life with his usual bravery and courage.

## WEDDING

One of the prettiest weddings has been solemnized in Strathmore for some time was that Monday morning last of Miss Germaine Groux, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Groux of Strathmore, and Mr. George Palardy.

The wedding took place in Sacred Heart Church with the Rev. Father Bouzard officiating.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the wedding mass being played by Mr. Joe Van Tichem.

The bride was charmingly pretty in a very becoming gown of white lace, with Bridal veil of Brussels net, made in cap shape and held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. She wore white lace mittens and carried a lovely bouquet of pale pink and white roses.

The bridesmaid was Miss Alice Kellinger, very becomingly gowned in blue crepe, and carrying a large bouquet of pink carnations.

Supporting the groom as best man was the brother of the bride, Mr. William Groux.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and carrying out a custom of the French people the groom was also given in marriage by Mr. Garrison fulfilling this pleasant duty.

Following the marriage ceremony the bridal party and guests numbering about thirty, drove to the home of the bride's parents where they received a host of wishes and congratulations of their friends, after which a very delicious wedding breakfast was served.

The house was prettily decorated for the occasion, the bride's table looking particularly attractive with its centre piece, a buffet wedding cake occupying the central place of honor.

The toast to the bride was proposed in very felicific terms to Mr. D. N. Gardiner and happily responded to by the groom.

Following the happy couple left by motor for Edmonton, where the honeymoon will be spent and on their return they will reside in Strathmore.

## IN MEMORIAM

In loving Remembrance of dear little Harold Southall.

This little boy so young and fair, Called heaven by early doom. Just came, to show how sweet a flower, in Paradise will bloom.

Lovingly remembered by father, mother and sister.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST WON BY JOAN BARBOR AND RICHARD STANGIER

Once again the Oratorical contest proved that the effort expended in this direction is eminently worthwhile, and directly beneficial to the contestant and indirectly perhaps to teachers sponsoring the event.

An advance that was very evident this year was the fact that of the six speeches given all were of a high standard.

Previous years there have been one, two or three of the addresses which have been quite below par but this year the standard was high in each speech and well delivered making the task of the judges not an easy one.

The new school Landreer, teacher Mrs. Katterhagen was very warmly welcomed into the Association, and Mrs. Katterhagen's pupils acquitted themselves in a manner of which she may be proud. Strathmore would welcome other schools.

There were six contestants, their names and subjects being as follows: Joan Barbor, (Geography's Effect on Man.) Joan Barbor also chose the same subject.

Bert Fromman spoke on (What Next) as did also Willie Knight from Landreer School.

Richard Stangier chose (The Economic Conference) on which to base his speech, and Kramer Tuppe chose (For Strathmore's Grandchildren Time and Ours).

Mr. French, Chairman of the School Board filled the duties of Chairman in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Schulte, President of the School Fair Assoc., in a very able and dignified manner.

The judges were Rev. T. Longmire of Carleton Place, Mr. S. Durant of Calgary and Mr. T. M. Wynn of Strathmore. The judges gave their decision as follows: For Schulte Cup, First Joan Barbor, Second Joan Barbor, For Strathmore Standard Cup, Richard Stangier of Landreer.

## SUNSHINE RELIEVES ALBERTA SUFFERING

Always generous in their response to appeals in behalf of the distressed, the people of Alberta recognize that this winter will bring a greater need than ever before. Various causes, which are so numerous that they do not require stressing, have brought about a condition which is probably the most tragic in the history of the province. Thousands of persons who have to be assisted with food, clothing and the other necessities of life. Everyone who can help with cash donations, with food, clothing, boots and shoes, fuel or anything else which can be of assistance is earnestly invited to contribute.

An organization which has labored faithfully for twenty years to make easier the lot of those who are sick or destitute is the Calgary Herald Sunshine Society, which makes a special effort to take comfort to those in distress at Christmas time when it distributes hundreds of hampers. Last Christmas it sent out more than 300 splendid hampers.

One of the year's Sunshine has helped more than 25,000 persons. These are cases for which relief is not available from other sources. Through its own records at the Bureau of Confidential Exchange, where appeals are gathered against. In fact every case is investigated and dealt with on its merits. Sunshine makes sure that every case that is contributed for relief is expended wisely for this purpose.

Sunshine appeals for help to that which is in its work. Cash is especially welcome but this cannot be given, grain, potatoes and other vegetables, poultry, and any other form of food, clothing, underwear, boots and shoes, blankets, etc. will be appreciated. Those who wish to help are invited to communicate with Sunshine, care of the Calgary Herald.

## UNITED STATES HAS \$11,782,501,461 DUE

Foreign nations have paid the United States \$2,627,000,000 and still owe that country \$11,782,501,461, plus \$184,000,000 in interest postponed under the moratorium on the payments. \$953,342,000 was received before the debts were funded with \$1,617,237,294. That agreement was negotiated. The total now due includes \$625,000,000 principal postponed under the moratorium. Under the funding agreements, Great Britain owes \$4,388,000,000 and has paid \$202,000,000 in principal and \$1,109,720,000 in interest. France owes \$2,563,625,000 and has paid \$161,350,000 in principal and \$38,650,000 in interest. Including the amounts received before the debts were funded, Great Britain has paid \$1,981,798,285 and France has paid \$1,498,073,891. The total debt includes those owed by Armenia and Russia, while the total payments include the debts of Cuba and Liberia which have been paid.

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## SPORT

### SPORT NOTES

Frankie Battaglia is back in the public prints these days. Unable to gain matches worth while in the middleweight class, the colorful Winnipeg boxer turned his attention to the fight heavyweights. And it is none other than the top notchers in that division who are challenged by our Frankie. George Nichols is the nominal champion of the 175 pounders as Walker has been devoting his attention to the bigger fellows such as Sharkey and Schmeling, but Mickey is still able to make the weight without any trouble and he is the man who offers the greatest obstacle to aspiring titleholders. Nichols has never done anything noteworthy since he assumed the role of champion and might easily fall a victim to the dynamite in Battaglia's flying fists, but Mickey Walker is something else again. He has long been regarded as the best man of his weight in the world, and invariably has had to stack up against heavier men to get matches.

It develops that the chief reason for Clark Griffith's release of Walter Johnson was economy. Griffith was trying to place Walter with the Atlanta club of the Southern league, which has been left without manager or president. Just now the club is in the hands of its stockholders, one of whom is J. H. Jones, the golf wizard. Griffith would like to make Johnson president of the Crackers.

At Simmons is by no means sinking in the tests over his sale to the Chicago White Sox by Connie Mack. Rather he is down at Hot Springs, Ark. for conditioning exercises. It is nearly five months since the baseball season opened, but the heavy lifting outfielder finds himself 20 pounds overweight hence the course of baths and mountain hiking.

### SAYS WEST WAS SAVED BY BENNETT

Winnipeg—Stating that western Canada was saved from economic collapse by the action of the Dominion government in entering the Winnipeg grain market and purchasing futures at a time when a heavy volume of wheat from western farms was being hoarded, W. W. Swanson, professor of economics at the University of Saskatchewan, in an address before the Winnipeg bankers' lecture club at the Fair Garry hotel, vigorously defended the policy of the government and countered eastern criticism of the government's action.

Professor Swanson stated that the usual speculative support of the market was entirely absent when the Canadian crop was delivered and if wheat had been carried below the forty cent mark at that time it would have been a calamity resulting in entire paralysis of western business with terrific repercussions throughout the whole Dominion.

Professor Swanson contrasted the policy of the government with that of the United States. Farm board, which had carried actual wheat. By purchasing options the Canadian government had permitted the actual wheat to pass out of the country and futures could be carried from 25 per cent to 40 per cent lower than actual grain.

In dealing with the subject, A Programme for Economic Recovery, Professor Swanson said that the Alice in Wonderland financial world of 1927, 1928 and 1929 had passed. In that era no one needed to default on anything, for if a bond issue fell due, another and probably a larger one could be floated overnight to replace it. Western Canada had troubles of its own to complicate its case, but it was his opinion that we have never had any real overproduction of wheat in the true sense. The west, however, did see in 1928 a world wheat crop per acre so far above the average that although since then the world had had produced only ordinary crops and consumed them all, there was what he believed to be a temporary surplus overhauling the market. To the temporary overproduction of our staple commodity there succeeded three seasons in which, in a world producing almost precisely the amount of wheat it needed, this country experienced three successive crop failures.

Western Canada must come back, unless we are at the end of modern civilization. What distin-

## HEARD ON THE STREET

Why so depressed old man?  
The horrible cost of living; can't eat bills for material, paint and stinging.  
What, your house?  
No, my daughter.

There was a little baby in the train and an elderly gentleman opined: said: A fine child, mamam, I trust he will grow into an up-right and honorable man.

Yes smiled the mother, but it will be rather difficult.

As the twig is bent so the tree's inclined, murmured the gentleman pompously.

That the trouble is, said the mother, the twig is bent on being a girl.

Water—Isn't this pie just like mother used to make?

Daughter—Yes indeed, but it isn't cut like mother used to cut it.

Club Walter—There is a lady outside who says that her husband promised to be home early tonight. (All rising): Excuse me gentlemen.

Druggist—How's your wife today?

Customer—Oh she can't complain. (Druggist: I didn't know she was as ill as that.)

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At man's birth his mother is the important character; at his marriage she is the inside it; at his death she is the widow.

Judge to defendant, discovered in jury box: But goodness gracious what are you doing there.

(Defendant): Beg pardon, my lord but I was called to serve on the jury.

Judge: But you must have known there was some mistake. You cannot sit on the jury to try your own case.

(Defendant: Truly): Well I did think it was a bit of luck.

Helen had been brought up as a Presbyterian and had always attended her father's church.

When the family happened to be visiting relatives where Episcopals polined, the subject of going to church came up, and the family was invited to attend the Episcopals just church.

Helen begged her father to let her go, but he replied that he thought they would go to their own church.

Oh daddy, said the little girl, if you'll only let me go, I'll promise not to believe a word they say.

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But freight or express charges amounted to \$1.30, so the result was the 58 cents noted above.

The express order has been turned over to the community chest.

Winnipeg: Fifty-eight cents for five geese. That is the story sent to the Free Press by M. Paerman, of Jasmith, Sask. Mr. Paerman does not make a long song and dance about those prices. He merely states his facts, sends along the express order for 58 cents as evidence of good faith, and asks the Free Press to turn it over to the Winnipeg Community Chest.

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#### WHAT WILL BRING BACK WHEAT PRICES

Partners throughout the west, simply cannot figure out where they are at now what the future holds for them.

Wheat is selling at less than 20¢ per bushel in Alberta, and proportionately low in the other western provinces according to the location of freight rates.

Western Canada has an immense wheat crop which together with the big carryover from last year has made a price for wheat, the lowest on record.

The trouble is that there are no buyers for the wheat. The government and the Government made an honest attempt to try and stabilize a market that was glutted with wheat that is selling at a reduced price, far below cost of production.

That is only a temporary aid to

#### THE MARKET AS THE WHEAT IS STILL ON

gold to a purchasing public and will only further add to the price drop.

The experience of the U.S. Farmers' Union was that it hurt the market through holding large quantities of wheat and foreign buyers were afraid to purchase with such a large quantity liable to be dumped on the market at any moment.

It is said that China needs to buy large quantities of wheat for their starving people but are not able to make purchases.

Would it not be a good act for financial and philanthropic to give them money to buy wheat?

This would clear the Canadian market for the next and succeeding years and prices would be most certain to increase.

Some doubting Thomases may say that possibly China would never pay and that the transaction would be at total loss.

That might be true but not all probable as the Chinese are not noted for being defaulters.

In addition the good will for further trade would be vastly increased and would probably pay Canada many fold.

In any case the farmers of Canada would have a clear world market for next year.

The outlook for next year's market is surely not encouraging and the effort might pay very rich returns.

China needs the wheat for her starving millions and the Government wants to get back to a paying basis for her wheat which is apparently impossible under present conditions.

Now about it Mr. Premier Bennett.

#### CAPITALISM SHOULD HEED WARNINGS OF DEPRESSION

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Toronto—Although developments in the past six months appear to indicate that capitalism is weathering successfully one of the greatest economic crises in history, it is still faced with threatening dangers, stated Prof. T. B. Gregory, chairman English Economics, in a recent address to the Canadian Club in Toronto.

"I can see three possible dangers, to the continued existence of our existing order, he said. The first and the most inevitable, is a rising tide of social discontent.

The second danger which he sees is that of war. It is a danger fraught with incalculable consequences to the world and the solution rests with the statesman, a politician rather than the economist, he maintains.

The third danger that he fears is that the world will fail to solve its monetary and international banking problems.

Conditions have, however, improved immensely, in the past six months, Prof. Gregory continued.

The two developments that stood out in his mind as indicative of a real change in the situation, he stated, are these:

In the first place, so far as the facts of the situation are concerned as distinct from the theory of reparations, the reparations question has been solved. It is quite certain that never again in our lifetime will Germany pay reparations on any scale whatever.

The second fact in the situation which I do not think can be overestimated, is that the United States has succeeded in getting through a great run on its gold reserves, without actually having the panic it had seemed almost inevitable that it would have at the end of May and the beginning of June of this year; and nobody could or can estimate what would have happened to the international world and to the international economic system if the entire financial situation in the United States had crumbled into dust.

There are two other reassuring factors, Prof. Gregory continued. One is the recent rise in commodity prices, and the other the remarkable, if overdone, rise in security prices on the New York stock exchange.

These demonstrate, he stated, that the economic society still has recuperative qualities which must not be underestimated.

I feel inclined to say, he added, that if for another six or seven weeks commodity prices go on as they have been doing, and if the new recession of stock prices ceases, we can legitimately say that the world has turned the corner.

#### WHEAT PRICES ARE DIVERGENT

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Winnipeg—Widely divergent views with regard to the Dominion government's participation in the wheat market are to be found among members of the western grain trade. There are those who believe that government intervention was not only "beneficial" to every producer of wheat in western Canada but that it saved the collapse of the whole structure of "Canada's" marketing machinery.

Others are of the opinion that had the government agency devoted its energies to the disposal of the pool surplus taken over in 1929 even at the expense of prices falling far below where they are today, the recovery would in the end have been more rapid. As it is, with the government agency carrying a load of wheat, a feeling of uncertainty prevails, they claim, the mind not only of the speculator or, but of the overseas buyer, who is fearful that one day "without notice" this wheat will be "dumped" on the market.

The viewpoint of the pool members who delivered under contract in 1929, and whose organization and wheat has been used in the stabilization efforts, is dealt with in a recent issue of the U.F.A. which says in part:

"The Canadian government, with its alliance with the Wheat Pool, could not have undertaken stabilization processes except at a cost that would have been tremendous. The wheat pool had the complete organization with a large volume of wheat delivered by the membership, at its disposal. This was freely used under government direction and the fact remains that the members who delivered their wheat to the pool in that year shouldered a very considerable proportion of the burden of stabilization of wheat prices. Those who got the lesser payment and are to day wondering whether the discrepancy will later be made up, may feel that they have been discriminated against, and with ample cause. It is true that every wheat grower in western Canada profited very materially from the past two years and to a considerable extent at the expense of the men who delivered their wheat to the pool in 1929.

This point was dealt with in Premier Bennett's statement when he said that any profit made by the government agency in its market operations would go to the wheat pool members—those who delivered under the 1929 contract—and that any loss sustained would be borne by the Dominion treasury.

The initial payment made to pool members in 1929 was set at \$6.00 on August 26, reduced to \$5.00 on October 15 and shortly afterward to 50 cents. At the time Mr. McFarland's appointment in November, 1929, the pool contained a further cut to 40 cents, it is understood, but intervention by the government prevented this being done. It was not until two years ago that the pool received from that date onward which saw the commencement of government operations, the price steadily improved until the harvesting of 1929, a large crop in western Canada this year placed a load on the market greatly in excess of demand, prices falling, it is believed heavy purchases by the government agency to prevent not only the collapse of the market, but to protect the position this agency already held in the market.

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STONG QUICK SETTING CEMENT MADE EASILY

A quick setting cement for metal, glass or wood may be made by mixing dry white lead with thick orange shellac to form a heavy paste. The lead should be worked into the shellac with a putty knife and a piece of plate glass may be used as a mixing table, says Popular Mechanic Magazine.

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